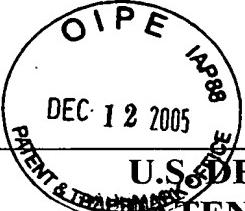


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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)**

Docket Number:
1662/62802

Application Number 10/773,535	Filing Date February 5, 2004	Examiner Patricia L. Morris	Art Unit 1625
Invention Title Method of Stabilizing Lansoprazole	Inventors SINGER et al.		

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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith for filing is the following:
 - an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005 for the above-identified patent application;
 - Attachment 1 – Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, attachment to Amendment;
 - Exhibit 1 – Invention Disclosure entitled “New Method for the Purification of Lansoprazole” and associated Order Letter and Fax Coversheet, attachment to Attachment 1.
- The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	minus	53	0	50.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	8	0	200.00	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					360.00	
					TOTAL	0
					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	

3. It is believed that no additional claim fee is due.
4. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of June 7, 2005, which set a three-month period for response. Please charge the **\$1020.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
6. A copy of this form is enclosed for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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